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**From:** Willapa Bay (DFW)  
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**Subject:** 2021 Willapa Bay In-Season Update through August 15 - management week 32 and 33  
**Attachments:** 2021 WB Marine Area Recreational Data & Catch Estimate Summary Draft weeks 32-33.pdf; Naselle Hatchery Adult CHK Summary 08.19.2021.pdf; 2021 WB Hatchery Chinook Eggtake 08.19.2021.pdf

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Hi Everyone,

We wanted to first address an issue regarding these weekly update emails with our entire distribution list.

**From this point forward, replies to the Willapa Bay mailer will only be sent to staff. We want to remind everyone that this distribution list is intended to be a pathway to disseminate information to those who have signed up to hear updates from Region 6 staff, and not a place to air your personal opinions. Folks who abuse the Willapa Bay mailer in the future will be removed from the list without warning.**

This week's email will provide you an in-season update on the Willapa Bay marine area 2.1 recreational fishery from August 1 – 15, 2021 (management weeks 32 and 33), information on hatchery Chinook broodstock at our Willapa Bay facilities, and spawning ground surveys to-date.

### **Recreational Marine Fishery**

Starting August 1, the Willapa Bay program now monitors the recreational marine fishery in Tokeland and South Bend two days per strata (strata 1: Monday – Thursday, strata 2: Friday – Sunday). We are now conducting a boat survey to evaluate the proportion of effort that exits the fishery at sampled (Tokeland and South Bend) vs. non-sampled locations. We use this information to expand our actual sampled data collected dockside to the rest of the recreational fishery to account for any boats that may have left the fishery from other locations. We are also test fishing to collect unmarked Chinook genetics since those fish are illegal to retain as of August 1. This test fishing represents the same time, area, and fishing methods of the recreational salmon fishery in Willapa Bay.

Since our last update, there has been a significant increase in effort and catch of hatchery Chinook salmon especially this past weekend with the highest effort on Saturday, August 14, 2021. The increase in effort resulted in more hatchery Chinook salmon being caught but only a few hatchery coho retained. Our dockside staff reported our highest number of landed fish in a single day on Saturday, August 14, doubling the previous day. There were several good tides over the weekend, which may have contributed to more fish biting. The weather was also a bit cooler than previous weeks,

which may have helped to cool the overall water temperature. (See attachment: 2021 WB Marine Area Recreational Data & Catch Estimate Summary Draft weeks 32-33.pdf)

For this week, we have seen afternoon high tides (after 12 p.m.) with a larger tidal exchange (minus low tides to a 6-8-foot-high tide). This tide series will continue this way through the Saturday, August 28, when we will transition to morning high tides that will be more favorable. The weather will also remain cooler than the past several weeks.

### **Hatchery Chinook Rack Returns**

#### **Naselle Hatchery:**

To-date, 51 adult and 2 jack Chinook salmon have volunteered into the attraction channel and recruited into the hatchery. Of these 51 Chinook salmon, three were unmarked males and hatchery staff have passed them upstream above the weir. Currently, there have been no Chinook salmon mortalities reported in the Naselle Hatchery. These data will be updated in the next weekly in-season email. (See attachment: *Naselle Hatchery Adult CHK Summary 08.19.2021.pdf* and *2021 WB Hatchery Chinook Eggtake 08.19.2021.pdf*)

#### **Nemah and Forks Creek hatcheries:**

To-date, no Chinook have recruited into the hatchery.

### **Spawning Ground Surveys**

Staff started weekly stream surveys August 2<sup>nd</sup> below the weir in Nemah and Naselle rivers. We have observed almost 200 Chinook staging in the Naselle River, however, we have not observed any spawning or found any redds. Staff have observed very few Chinook in the Nemah River staging below the weir. Staff will begin to survey the Lower South Fork Willapa River this week. Traditionally, Chinook begin spawning in Willapa Bay rivers in the middle of September.

As mentioned above, if you have any comments or questions specific to the information provided in these emails, please submit your comments to [WillapaBay@dfw.wa.gov](mailto:WillapaBay@dfw.wa.gov).

Additionally, if you know of anyone who might be interested in receiving these in-season update emails or any other information we send out regarding Willapa Bay fisheries, please forward this email and have them reply to [WillapaBay@dfw.wa.gov](mailto:WillapaBay@dfw.wa.gov) stating they would like to be added to our email distribution list.

Thank you and Fish On! ><(((°>  
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Online reference links you may be interested in:

Willapa Bay Marine Area 2.1 Recreational Creel

Monitoring: <https://wdfw.wa.gov/fishing/reports/creel/willapa-bay>

Willapa Bay and Grays Harbor (non-treaty) Commercial Salmon Fisheries (regulations and landed catch): <https://wdfw.wa.gov/fishing/commercial/gillnet#information>

**In-season Estimates of Effort and Salmon Catch**

updated 8/21/2021

**2021 Willapa Bay Marine Area Recreational Mark Selective Chinook and Coho Fishery**

All data is preliminary and subject to change

Marked = Adipose fin clipped

Unmarked = Adipose fin not clipped

|                              |      |                 |                                |           |         | Catch Estimates  |        |               |        |
|------------------------------|------|-----------------|--------------------------------|-----------|---------|------------------|--------|---------------|--------|
| Month                        | Week | Dates           | Regulation                     | Estimated |         | Retained Chinook |        | Retained Coho |        |
|                              |      |                 |                                | Boats     | Anglers | Unmarked         | Marked | Unmarked      | Marked |
| June<br>(Ocean Area 2 rules) | 25   | Jun 19 & 20     | No Coho retention allowed      | 8         | 26      | 0                | 0      | 0             | 0      |
|                              | 26   | June 21 - 27    |                                | 9         | 22      | 0                | 0      | 0             | 1      |
|                              | 27   | June 28 - Jul 4 |                                | 13        | 32      | 0                | 0      | 0             | 0      |
| July<br>(Ocean Area 2 rules) | 28   | July 5 - 11     | No wild Coho retention allowed | 26        | 55      | 0                | 0      | 0             | 0      |
|                              | 29   | July 12 - 18    |                                | 26        | 63      | 0                | 2      | 0             | 3      |
|                              | 30   | July 19 - 25    |                                | 61        | 135     | 9                | 8      | 0             | 0      |
|                              | 31   | July 26 - Aug 1 |                                | 20        | 44      | 0                | 3      | 0             | 4      |
| Total to Date                |      |                 |                                | 163       | 377     | 9                | 13     | 0             | 8      |

For June and July, dockside sampling was conducted only at the Tokeland boat launch and marina

| Estimated Willapa origin Chinook Impacts |        |
|--|--------|
| Unmarked                                 | Marked |
| 0  | 0      |
| 0  | 0      |
| 0  | 0      |
| 0  | 0      |
| 0  | 0      |
| 0  | 1      |
| 3  | 3      |
| 0  | 1      |
| 3  | 4      |

|               |      |                 |  |           | Estimated Catch  |        |             |                          |          |         | Estimated Encounters |                     |         | Estimated Catch      |        |             |          |
|---------------|------|-----------------|--|-----------|------------------|--------|-------------|--------------------------|----------|---------|----------------------|---------------------|---------|----------------------|--------|-------------|----------|
|               |      |                 |  |           | Retained Chinook |        |             |                          |          |         | Released Chinook     |                     |         | Retained Coho        |        |             |          |
| Month         | Week | Dates           | Regulation                                     | Estimated |                  | Marked | Marked CPUE | Marked WB origin impacts | Unmarked | UM CPUE | UM WB origin impacts | Unmarked Encounters | UM CPUE | UM WB origin impacts | Marked | Marked CPUE | Unmarked |
|               |      |                 |  | Boats     | Anglers          |        |             |                          |          |         |                      |                     |         |                      |        |             |          |
| August        | 31   | 8/1/2021 only   | No wild coho or wild Chinook retention allowed | 57        | 129              | 17     | 0.128       | 10                       | 0        | 0.000   | 0                    | 8                   | 0.064   | 1                    | 0      | 0.000       | 0        |
|               | 32   | Aug 2 - 8       |  | 301       | 633              | 59     | 0.094       | 37                       | 0        | 0.000   | 0                    | 20                  | 0.032   | 2                    | 6      | 0.009       | 0        |
|               | 33   | Aug 9 - 15      |  | 371       | 794              | 86     | 0.108       | 53                       | 0        | 0.000   | 0                    | 27                  | 0.034   | 2                    | 0      | 0.000       | 0        |
|               | 34   | Aug 16 - 22     |  |           |                  |        |             |                          |          |         |                      |                     |         |                      |        |             |          |
|               | 35   | Aug 23 - 29     |  |           |                  |        |             |                          |          |         |                      |                     |         |                      |        |             |          |
| September     | 36   | Aug 30 - Sept 5 |  |           |                  |        |             |                          |          |         |                      |                     |         |                      |        |             |          |
|               | 37   | Sept 6 - 12     |  |           |                  |        |             |                          |          |         |                      |                     |         |                      |        |             |          |
|               | 38   | Sept 13 - 19    |  |           |                  |        |             |                          |          |         |                      |                     |         |                      |        |             |          |
|               | 39   | Sept 20 - 26    |  |           |                  |        |             |                          |          |         |                      |                     |         |                      |        |             |          |
|               | 40   | Sept 27 - 30    |  |           |                  |        |             |                          |          |         |                      |                     |         |                      |        |             |          |
| Total to Date |      |                 |  | 729       | 1,557            | 162    |             | 100                      | 0        |         | 0                    | 55                  |         | 5                    | 6      |             | 0        |

For Aug and Sept., dockside sampling was conducted at Tokeland and South Bend

These data represent the estimated expanded values (not raw data). No jacks included in estimates.

Strata 1 - Mon - Thurs

Strata 2 - Fri - Sun

CPUE = Catch per unit effort

Effort = An individual angler trip



# 2021 Willapa Bay Origin PreSeason Recreational Data

Preliminary/Draft

Updated 8/21/2021

## Willapa Bay Natural-Origin Fall Chinook

## Willapa Bay Hatchery-Origin Fall Chinook

| Mgmt Wk | Date        | Harvest Rate Proportions | Preseason Prediction |                  | In-season Estimate |                  | Harvest Rate Proportions | Preseason Prediction |                  | In-season Estimate |                  |
|---------|-------------|--------------------------|----------------------|------------------|--------------------|------------------|--------------------------|----------------------|------------------|--------------------|------------------|
|         |             |                          | NOR                  | Cumulative Total | WB Origin          | Cumulative Total |                          | HOR                  | Cumulative Total | WB Origin          | Cumulative Total |
| 25      | 6/19 - 6/20 | 0.0338                   | 0                    | 0                | 0                  | 0                | 0.0048                   | 0                    | 0                | 0                  | 0                |
| 26      | 6/21 - 6/27 | 0.0338                   | 0                    | 0                | 0                  | 0                | 0.0048                   | 0                    | 0                | 0                  | 0                |
| 27      | 6/28 - 7/4  | 0.0338                   | 3                    | 3                | 0                  | 0                | 0.0048                   | 4                    | 4                | 0                  | 0                |
| 28      | 7/5 - 7/11  | 0.0204                   | 2                    | 4                | 0                  | 0                | 0.0072                   | 6                    | 10               | 0                  | 0                |
| 29      | 7/12 - 7/18 | 0.0970                   | 7                    | 11               | 0                  | 0                | 0.0089                   | 8                    | 18               | 1                  | 1                |
| 30      | 7/19 - 7/25 | 0.0532                   | 4                    | 15               | 3                  | 3                | 0.0312                   | 27                   | 44               | 3                  | 3                |
| 31      | 7/26 - 8/1  | 0.1146                   | 8                    | 24               | 1                  | 4                | 0.0278                   | 24                   | 68               | 11                 | 14               |
| 32      | 8/2 - 8/8   | 0.0807                   | 6                    | 30               | 2                  | 5                | 0.1114                   | 95                   | 163              | 37                 | 51               |
| 33      | 8/9 - 8/15  | 0.0853                   | 6                    | 36               | 2                  | 8                | 0.1449                   | 124                  | 287              | 53                 | 104              |
| 34      | 8/16 - 8/22 | 0.1363                   | 10                   | 46               |                    | 8                | 0.2190                   | 187                  | 474              |                    | 104              |
| 35      | 8/23 - 8/29 | 0.1552                   | 11                   | 57               |                    | 8                | 0.2398                   | 205                  | 678              |                    | 104              |
| 36      | 8/30 - 9/5  | 0.0755                   | 6                    | 63               |                    | 8                | 0.1169                   | 100                  | 778              |                    | 104              |
| 37      | 9/6 - 9/12  | 0.0791                   | 6                    | 69               |                    | 8                | 0.0634                   | 54                   | 832              |                    | 104              |
| 38      | 9/13 - 9/19 | 0.0178                   | 1                    | 70               |                    | 8                | 0.0211                   | 18                   | 850              |                    | 104              |
| 39      | 9/20 - 9/26 | 0.0384                   | 3                    | 73               |                    | 8                | 0.0013                   | 1                    | 851              |                    | 104              |
| 40      | 9/27 - 9/30 | 0.0128                   | 1                    | 74               |                    | 8                | 0.0010                   | 1                    | 852              |                    | 104              |
|         |             |                          | 74                   |                  | 8                  | 0.103            |                          |                      |                  | 853                | 0.122            |

# Naselle Hatchery Chinook Rack Returns

Preliminary/DRAFT \*

8/19/2021

| Year      | 2018         |            |              |              |            |              | 2019         |            |              |              |            |              | 2020         |            |              |              |            |              | 2021*        |            |              |              |            |              |
|-----------|--------------|------------|--------------|--------------|------------|--------------|--------------|------------|--------------|--------------|------------|--------------|--------------|------------|--------------|--------------|------------|--------------|--------------|------------|--------------|--------------|------------|--------------|
| Origin    | Hatchery     |            |              | Natural      |            |              | Hatchery     |            |              | Natural      |            |              | Hatchery     |            |              | Natural      |            |              | Hatchery     |            |              | Natural      |            |              |
| Stat Week | Weekly Total | Cumulative | % Run Timing | Weekly Total | Cumulative | % Run Timing | Weekly Total | Cumulative | % Run Timing | Weekly Total | Cumulative | % Run Timing | Weekly Total | Cumulative | % Run Timing | Weekly Total | Cumulative | % Run Timing | Weekly Total | Cumulative | % Run Timing | Weekly Total | Cumulative | % Run Timing |
| 31        | 1            | 1          | 0%           | -            | -          | -            | 1            | 1          | 0%           | 1            | 1          | 1%           | -            | -          | -            | -            | -          | -            | 1            | 1          | 0%           | 0            | 0          | 0%           |
| 32        | 5            | 6          | 0%           | -            | -          | -            | 9            | 10         | 0%           | 0            | 1          | 1%           | -            | -          | -            | -            | -          | -            | 1            | 1          | 0%           | 0            | 0          | 0%           |
| 33        | 11           | 17         | 1%           | 2            | 2          | 0%           | 23           | 33         | 1%           | 3            | 4          | 2%           | 17           | 17         | 0%           | 0            | 0          | 0%           | 28           | 29         | 0%           | 3            | 3          | 0%           |
| 34        | 12           | 29         | 1%           | 3            | 5          | 1%           | 48           | 81         | 3%           | 5            | 9          | 5%           | 59           | 76         | 1%           | 3            | 3          | 0%           | 19           | 48         | 1%           | 0            | 3          | 0%           |
| 35        | 44           | 73         | 2%           | 7            | 12         | 2%           | 145          | 226        | 9%           | 7            | 16         | 8%           | 52           | 128        | 2%           | 6            | 9          | 1%           |              |            | 0%           |              |            | 0%           |
| 36        | 16           | 89         | 3%           | 5            | 17         | 3%           | 347          | 573        | 23%          | 24           | 40         | 20%          | 107          | 235        | 4%           | 5            | 14         | 2%           |              |            | 0%           |              |            | 0%           |
| 37        | 784          | 873        | 30%          | 87           | 104        | 21%          | 373          | 946        | 38%          | 9            | 49         | 25%          | 649          | 884        | 13%          | 34           | 48         | 7%           |              |            | 0%           |              |            | 0%           |
| 38        | 128          | 1,001      | 34%          | 7            | 111        | 23%          | 150          | 1,096      | 44%          | 0            | 49         | 25%          | 372          | 1256       | 19%          | 3            | 51         | 8%           |              |            | 0%           |              |            | 0%           |
| 39        | 123          | 1,124      | 38%          | 15           | 126        | 26%          | 86           | 1,182      | 47%          | 12           | 61         | 31%          | 1,600        | 2856       | 43%          | 6            | 57         | 9%           |              |            | 0%           |              |            | 0%           |
| 40        | 196          | 1,320      | 45%          | 65           | 191        | 39%          | 32           | 1,214      | 49%          | 11           | 72         | 37%          | 892          | 3748       | 56%          | 6            | 63         | 10%          |              |            | 0%           |              |            | 0%           |
| 41        | 560          | 1,880      | 64%          | 114          | 305        | 62%          | 521          | 1,735      | 69%          | 41           | 113        | 58%          | 874          | 4622       | 69%          | 178          | 241        | 37%          |              |            | 0%           |              |            | 0%           |
| 42        | 654          | 2,534      | 87%          | 85           | 390        | 80%          | 406          | 2,141      | 86%          | 17           | 130        | 66%          | 1122         | 5744       | 86%          | 228          | 469        | 72%          |              |            | 0%           |              |            | 0%           |
| 43        | 219          | 2,753      | 94%          | 36           | 426        | 87%          | 315          | 2,456      | 98%          | 59           | 189        | 96%          | 407          | 6151       | 92%          | 118          | 587        | 91%          |              |            | 0%           |              |            | 0%           |
| 44        | 166          | 2,919      | 100%         | 58           | 484        | 99%          | 26           | 2,482      | 99%          | 5            | 194        | 99%          | 492          | 6643       | 99%          | 59           | 646        | 100%         |              |            | 0%           |              |            | 0%           |
| 45        | 7            | 2,926      | 100%         | 5            | 489        | 100%         | 15           | 2,497      | 100%         | 1            | 195        | 99%          | 26           | 6669       | 100%         | 1            | 647        | 100%         |              |            | 0%           |              |            | 0%           |
| 46        | 0            | 2,926      | 100%         | 0            | 489        |              | 1            | 2,498      | 100%         | 0            | 195        | 99%          | 10           | 6679       | 100%         | 0            | 647        | 100%         |              |            | 0%           |              |            | 0%           |
| 47        | 0            | 2,926      | 100%         | 0            | 489        |              | 0            | 2,498      | 100%         | 1            | 196        | 100%         | 1            | 6680       | 100%         | 0            | 647        |              |              |            | 0%           |              |            |              |
| 48        | 0            | 2,926      | 100%         | 0            | 489        |              | 0            | 2,498      | 100%         | 0            | 196        |              | 0            | 6680       |              | 0            | 647        |              |              |            |              |              |            |              |
| 49        | 0            | 2,926      | 100%         | 0            | 489        |              | 2            | 2,500      | 100%         | 0            | 196        |              | 0            | 6680       |              | 0            | 647        |              |              |            |              |              |            |              |
| 50        | 0            | 2,926      | 100%         | 0            | 489        |              | 0            |            |              | 0            | 196        |              | 0            | 6680       |              | 0            | 647        |              |              |            |              |              |            |              |
| 51        | 1            | 2,927      | 100%         | 0            | 489        |              | 0            |            |              | 0            | 196        |              | 0            | 6680       |              | 0            | 647        |              |              |            |              |              |            |              |
| Total     | 2,927        |            |              | 489          |            |              | 2,500        |            |              | 196          |            |              | 6,680        |            |              | 647          |            |              | 48           |            |              | 3            |            |              |

## 2021 Willapa Bay CHINOOK Broodstock Summary

FishBooks

updated 8/19/2021

preliminary/draft

### Naselle Hatchery

as of 08/19/2021

| Program Release | 10% add'l for mortality | Total eggs needed | Fecundity # eggs/female | # of Females Needed | # Females Spawned to-date | # Females still needed | # Adults On-hand at the facility (males & females combined) | # Eggs on Hand | Mortalities (prior to spawning) |       |       |
|-----------------|-------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|------------------------|---|----------------|---------------------------------|-------|-------|
|                 |                         |                   |                         |                     |                           |                        |   |                | Females                         | Males | Jacks |
| 5,000,000       | 500,000                 | 5,500,000         | 3,000                   | 1,833               | 0                         | 1,833                  | 48  | 0              | 0                               | 0     | 0     |

### Nemah Hatchery

as of 08/19/2021

| Program Release | 10% add'l for mortality | Total eggs needed | Fecundity # eggs/female | # of Females Needed | # Females Spawned to-date | # Females still needed | # Adults On-hand at the facility (males & females combined) | # Eggs on Hand | Mortalities (prior to spawning) |       |       |
|-----------------|-------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|------------------------|---|----------------|---------------------------------|-------|-------|
|                 |                         |                   |                         |                     |                           |                        |   |                | Females                         | Males | Jacks |
| 3,300,000       | 330,000                 | 3,630,000         | 3,000                   | 1,210               | 0                         | 0                      | 0   | 0              | 0                               | 0     | 0     |

### Forks Creek Hatchery

as of 08/19/2021

| Program Release | 10% add'l for mortality | Total eggs needed | Fecundity # eggs/female | # of Females Needed | # Females Spawned to-date | # Females still needed | # Adults On-hand at the facility (males & females combined) | # Eggs on Hand | Mortalities (prior to spawning) |       |       |
|-----------------|-------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|------------------------|---|----------------|---------------------------------|-------|-------|
|                 |                         |                   |                         |                     |                           |                        |   |                | Females                         | Males | Jacks |
| 400,000         | 40,000                  | 440,000           | 3,000                   | 147                 | 0                         | 147                    | 0   | 0              | 0                               | 0     | 0     |